



# CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS  
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



**Mass Times**  
Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am  
Monday – Saturday 10am  
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am  
during Exposition. All Masses are  
livestreamed [Livestream Mass](#)

## Newsletter No 1980

29<sup>th</sup> January – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C

**Prayer:** We pray for the healing of creation: God, source of all goodness, we call you Creator; you have made our wonderful world out of nothing and constantly keep it alive. Help us to be full of care and grateful for our home received from you as a gift. May we work to keep this, our common home, filled with peace and justice. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Readings:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19, Cor 12:31-13:13, Luke 4:21-30

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**Psalm:** **My lips will tell of your help.**

**Intercession:** We pray to the Lord

**Response:** **Lord hear us!**

**Next Week's:** Is 6:1-8, Cor 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

**Ramblings** We are a pilgrim people discovering that, as we journey together, we nourish each other in many ways. But, if we walk alone, we remain undernourished. Our nourishment is called Love and the Grace and Presence of God. It flows into and out of and through each one of us. The following is a reflection on our pilgrimage together:

**...we bless... we seek God... we look into and through the silence!**

We **SEE** God...

The greenness, the newness of life...

The tapestry of the landscape...

The diversity of sights, colour, shapes...

The witnessing of cycles of new life.

**May this be your experience...**

We **HEAR** God...

The wind, the water...

We hear God's music...

We hear God through each other...

**May this be your experience...**

We **TOUCH & FEEL** God

We smell God on the breath of the wind...

We smell God in the places & their ancestry

**May this be your experience...**

We **TASTE** God...

We taste the abundance, manna from the earth...

We taste God through community, through each other and through Eucharist, as we are

nourished...

**May this be your experience...**

We link to the **MYSTERY...**

Through our senses, a pathway into mystery...

Through being open to receive...

Through our senses we open to grace...

Our **RECEIVING** releases our **RESISTANCE.**

**May this be OUR experience as we go forth..!**

## Diary Dates

**Mon 31 Jan St John Bosco**

**6pm Beavers & 7.15pm Cubs** Scout Hall

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**7pm Young Adult's Group** open to all people aged 18+ in the church. The structure is simple:

- a time of prayer
- a short talk on a theme
- Move to on to a pub to socialise.

**Tues 1 Feb**

**10.30am Coffee Morning** Hall

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**12pm Meditation** Hall

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**6.45pm Confirmation Session 3** Hall

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**7pm Eucharistic Service** – Please join us to consider the readings for next Sunday and share communion. To Zoom click on [Eucharistic Service](#)

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**7pm Scouts** Scout Hall

**Wed 2 Feb The Presentation of the Lord**

**9.30am Rosary said** before Mass in Church

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**2pm UCM** Hall

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**6pm Feed Up Warm Up** Scout Hall

**Thurs 3 Feb**

**6.30pm Brownies** Scout Hall

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**6.30pm Meditation** EC

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**Fri 4 Feb**

**2-4pm Hitchin Pantry** Scout Hall

**Sat 5 Feb St Agatha**

**10am FHC Non Faith Schools** Hall

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**1-3pm Hitchin Pantry** Scout Hall



**Baptism Preparation course** for those wishing to present their child for baptism will be Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Feb on Zoom. To register

please go to [Baptism](#)



We pray for **Anne Smith** whose funeral is on **Monday 7 February 2022 at 12.30pm**. We also pray for **Klausina Hoffmann** whose funeral is on **Monday 7 February 2022 at 4pm** and for **Joe Chico** whose funeral is on **Monday 28 February 2022 at 11.30am**. May they rest in peace and rise in glory and may the Lord comfort their families.

### Other items of interest

#### Scripture Festival

#### Online Festival Fringe

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan - [Faith Lift](#) with Michelle Moran  
If you would like to grow in confidence in sharing your faith, this is a must.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb - [The Bible and Art](#) with Fleur Dorrell. Explore the Biblical truths captured in art with Fleur Dorrell from the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales and the Bible Society.

There are great things happening throughout the three-day Scripture Festival that makes for a great day out in the beautiful setting of St Albans Cathedral. Everything is free. To see What's on please visit: [Scripture Festival](#)

A couple of events you might really enjoy are:

[Behold the Word](#) Mime Performance featuring Steve Murray - Hanson and hosted by Michelle Moran and Abbot Christopher Jamison. Steve has the amazing ability of bringing Bible stories to life through mime. If you have friends who love the arts, this is worth mentioning.

Abbot Christopher Jamison will be speaking about and reading from his new edition of [Finding Happiness](#) at our Author's Corner on Saturday

Afternoon.

### New Year's Resolution – Volunteer for CAFOD

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

In the parish - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty. In local schools – where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience necessary. Full support, resources and regular training provided. DBS Check & references part of application.

Coordinating volunteers to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Tony [tsheen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk)



### St Michael's Catholic Grammar School Barnet

- Applications for Sixth Form Entry in September 2022 open until 28 February

St Michael's is a place of intellectual exploration and achievement and every year our students achieve outstanding A Level results which enable them to open doors to the most prestigious universities and courses.

St Michael's has a large and vibrant Sixth Form which welcomes significant numbers of new students who have studied their GCSEs elsewhere. It is an academic school which offers A Level courses only in the Sixth Form. If you are interested in applying for a Sixth Form place at St Michael's please take a look at the virtual open evening on our website <https://www.st->



The Assumptionist motto is the words from the Lord's prayer 'Thy kingdom come' Fr d'Alzon said we work for the spreading of the kingdom in us and around us. Today we have to ask ourselves how do we live this in the world post covid. What have we learned in that time, what changes do we need to make. May the coming months be a time of fruitful reflection and consultation in the light of the call to promote God's kingdom in us and around us.



**AMORIS LAETITIA THE JOY OF LOVE 268** *Love made fruitful - Love and pregnancy* Each child has a place in God's heart from all eternity. Once he or she is conceived, the Creator's eternal dream comes true.

**Safeguarding reminder** EduCare (now part of Tes) leaflets can be downloaded from our website at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hitchin/diocese/safeguarding-in-our-parishes/>



If you have a need for prayer, please contact **Mary** on **07759195487** and let her know your prayer intentions

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